

Notes from AFS Estuaries Section Executive Meeting- 5/1/14

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1. New estuaries section website not live yet
 - a. need to ask Anthony when we can go live with new website
 - b. Anthony and Abigail will have lead on website (was made in word press)
 - i. all executive members have password from email (or at least at one point in time had the password)
2. Student Travel Award
 - a. announcement went out to membership
 - b. not on the website yet
 - c. Abigail will make a scoring rubric
 - d. SAML board meeting not until end of May (in the past they have funded 2 awards)
 - e. Lee mentioned the Potomac chapter may be able to sponsor 1 award (if SAML doesn't come through)
3. Nancy Foster Award
 - a. Lee, Abigail speaking with Tom Bigford (new policy director at AFS) in past helped lead process of award
 - b. last ceremony was at NMFS Silver Springs
 - c. National Fish Habitat Program also in the mix
 - d. Habitat section of AFS considering starting freshwater award
 - e. Office of Habitat Conservation is willing to take lead on the award, think they can provide funding for award and possibly also travel to Restore Estuaries America meeting (they want to present the award there)
 - f. want AFS estuaries to provide 1 judge and help with logistics, also spread word about the award
4. Business meeting with Marine Fish. Section in Quebec
 - a. Estuaries section's turn to lead this year
 - b. Sunday 5-7pm
 - c. Marine section contributing \$350.00, suggest we match this contribution
 - d. Welcome social is immediately after this so don't need too much food or drink
 - e. Plan for 30, maybe 40
 - i. 1 drink per person may be too high (\$\$\$)
 - f. Options-
 - i. Not include drinks, have people pay for their own
 - ii. Order: veggie plate, cheese for 20, drinks (soda?)
 - g. Questions re: food and bartender at Quebec meeting
 - i. What is the cost of a bar tender?
 - ii. Is the minimum for a bartender 3 hours?
 - iii. If we buy sodas and don't drink them, do we get a refund?
 - h. Abigail will work with Doug to spend the \$700 budget

- i. Consider having a short presentation by Mic Walsh (spelling?) on history of AFS at meeting
 - j. Consider having discussion on short course for 2015 AFS (old working title was “Monsters of Stock Assessment”)
 - i. Idea of doing T-shirts to go along with short course as fundraiser
5. Spring Newsletter
- a. Abigail received positive feedback on last one
 - b. Ryan S. (VIMS, Mary Fabrizio’s student hasn’t written anything yet, won travel award last year)
 - i. Ask him to write something for next issue
 - c. Feature/promote sponsored symposia at Quebec
 - d. Look for a pertinent policy story
 - e. Have another lab write a story
 - f. Look at the membership list and ask for articles (can also use attendance list from last meeting)
6. Sponsorship requests update
- a. International Otolith Symposium
 - i. no update yet, but still have time
 - ii. on website lowest level of sponsorship is 250 Euro
 - b. Mangrove and Fish Habitat Symposium at WDAFS (already took place)
 - i. appears was not funded

Next meeting: schedule for early August